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SUBJECT: DATE SET FOR VANCOUVER EAST BYELECTION

REF: VANCOUVER 221

1. B.C. GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED APRIL 29 THAT BYELECTION IN PROVINCIAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RIDING OF VANCOUVER EAST WILL BE HELD JUNE 3. VACANCY ORIGINALLY CREATED WHEN ROBERT WILLIAMS, FORMER NDP RESOURCES MINISTER IN GOVERNMENT DEFEATED LAST DECEMBER RESIGNED IN FEBRUARY TO ALLOW DAVID BARRETT TO RUN FOR ASSEMBLY. BARRETT WAS PREMIER IN DEFEATED NDP GOVERNMENT AND LOST HIS OWN SEAT IN COQUITLAM RIDING TO SOCIAL CREDIT CANDIDATE GEORGE KERSTER. NDP HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED THAT BARRETT WILL BECOME OPPOSITION LEADER IN ASSEMBLY IF HE WINS BYELECTION.
2. TWO MEMBER VANCOUVER EAST RIDING CONSIDERED ONLY REALLY SAFE NDP SEATS AFTER DISASTROUS RESULTS OF LAST DECEMBER ELECTION. OTHER SEAT HELD BY ALEX MACDONALD, FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL IN NDP GOVERNMENT.
3. OPPOSITION HAS CRITICIZED GOVERNMENT FOR DELAY IN CALLING ELECTION AND CHARGED BENNETT GOVERNMENT RYING TO KEEP BARRETT OUT OF ASSEMBLY. BARRETT CONSIDERED BY MANY OBSERVERS BY FAR BEST PARLIAMENTARIAN IN BC TODAY. BURGOON

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